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INTERNET SERVICE BY VSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited (VSNL) has recently launched three internet based service for corporates customers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the income earned therefrom; and

(d) the extent to which it is benefited to evaluate the assets of VSNL?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Name of three services are:-

(1) V-Mail (Corporate Mail solutions)

V-Mail is targeted to small and medium size corporates and is expected to cater to mail requirement of corporate customers.

(2) VPN (Virtual Private Network)

VPN allows user a secure way to access network resources using the telecommunication infrastructure that already exist. It facilitates users to communicate in a secured way and in most cost effective way.

(3) Alice (An Integrated Communication suite for corporation)

Alice is an effective and low cost enterprise e-mail software solution for corporates.

(c) Services have been launched recently on 3rd July, 2001. There are a lot of commercial enquiries about these services. However, due to very short time lapsed since launch it is difficult to determine the income therefrom.

(d) Revenue from Internet Services have been about 5% of total revenue earnings by VSNL during 2000-2001. The reference services have good potential to enhance the revenues of VSNL for Internet Services.